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RECREATION GROUNDS

SOME ARGUMENTS USED AGAINST THE PROJECT.

Public Scavenger Service More Necessary than Playgrounds.—What Base-ball Club will be Favored with the Use of the Grounds?—The Sunday Base-ball Problem.

The citizens of this town will be called together in public meeting on Monday night to Central Hall to express their opinions on the proposition to issue town bonds to the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of a public recreation grounds. Laws now on the statute books empower the Town Council to carry out such a project without a referendum. When the Board of Trade Committee submitted the proposition to the Town Council on Monday night that body merely decided to sound public sentiment on the matter.

The proposition to bond the town for the purchase of a recreation ground is a matter for serious consideration, on the part of property-owning taxpayers. An argument put forward in favor of the project is that it is in line with the policy of other progressive towns, and is going to be a fixed feature of municipal life. People opposed to the purchase of recreation grounds at present concede that the scheme has much in it to commend it, but they claim that there are other more pressing public needs that should take precedence of public recreation grounds. This town is yet deficient in some important public conveniences, and foremost among such deficiencies is the lack of a public scavenger service. Nearly every vacant lot throughout the residential part of the town is a public disgrace on account of its use as a depository for debris of one kind and another. People make packages of refuse, tin cans, broken dishes, bottles, etc., and steal out after dark and throw the bundle in a vacant lot. The lack of a scavenger service has a depressing effect on the value of real estate. The lack of scavenger service is a reproach to the town, and until the reproach is removed many people will not feel in a mood to give preference to a public recreation ground.

In regard to the general use of a recreation ground the presumption is that the chief use that it will be put to will be base-ball. The tract of land that is proposed to purchase is not large enough to permit of much more than a base-ball diamond.

Each ward in town now has its favorite base-ball club, and it is obvious that there is going to be a clash of interests in the grounds. If the public purchase it and maintain a base-ball ground there, it is not likely that much additional revenue can be looked for by the base-ball clubs that will use the public grounds, and without additional financial support none but public school base-ball teams will be likely to use the grounds.

There is the question of Sunday base-ball to be considered in connection with this public recreation ground project. The barriers against Sunday base-ball are being rapidly broken down all over the country. The general tendency is towards using Sunday as a day of amusement. Here in Bloomfield Sunday base-ball is played, but in a retired place. Formerly such games were secret and the public was not invited because of a fear that the game would be broken up by the police. No such fear exists now, and it is doubtful if public sentiment would approve of police interference with a Sunday base-ball game. It is only a matter of a short time when the county park recreation grounds will be used for athletic sports on Sundays and from the county parks the practice will spread to all public recreation grounds and a Sunday base-ball game would be anything but desirable in a choice residential locality like Williamson avenue.

The control of the recreation grounds will be in the hands of a commission consisting of four members of the Council and three freeholders. The saloon interests have demonstrated that when they concentrate their money and influence for the carrying of a ward politically they can succeed. It would probably be much easier to elect Councilmen who would not object to Sunday base-ball games on a public recreation ground.

A Fine Entertainment.

Miss Georgia Harvey gave a very fine entertainment at the Park M. E. Church on Monday evening. The good-sized audience were highly pleased, and every number was encored. Miss Harvey has a very good voice, and is well trained for her varied roles. Those who did not go missed a treat.

William P. Sutphen, Republican candidate for Mayor, Charles J. Murray, August Fredericks and Charles Hildebrandt, Republican candidates for Town Councilmen, will be at the meeting in Building and Loan Hall, No. 36 Broad street, Thursday evening, October 25th. Come out and greet the candidates.—Advt.

Wm. Leiss.

The German Church and the community is called to bear the loss of another promising young life in the untimely death of Wm. Leiss, son of Mrs. E. Leiss of Essex avenue, who entered into rest on Sunday night, after a three weeks' illness of typhoid fever. The youngest of seven sons and the first to break the happy family circle of twelve brothers and sisters; whose life together had been so harmonious as almost to approach ideal, he was possessed of the rare traits of character which are often wanting in the young. His devotion to duty and perfect integrity were such as to call forth words of approval from his employers and those who came in contact with him in any way. His intellectual attainments were above the average. After completing two years in the High School he accepted a position with a New York firm, and was enjoying every prospect of advancement at the time of his death.

The funeral was held from the German Presbyterian Church, of which the deceased was a member, and conducted by the pastor, who paid fitting tribute to his memory. Appropriate hymns were sung by the choir and many of his classmates were in attendance.

F. G. Hayward.

Frederick G. Hayward, a sign painter, who was for many years a resident of this town, but who has been living at Port Murray for several months, died at the latter place on Saturday afternoon from paralysis, after a long illness. He was a member of the Park M. E. Church and Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He was about thirty-five years old. His wife, who was Annie Robb of this town, and five children survive him. Mrs. Hayward's mother died two weeks ago at the Job Haines Home.

Held Up On Suspicion.

Louis C. Voorhees of Race street was on his way home early Monday morning, when at Wateessing and Bloomfield avenues he was held up by two men, who claimed to be policemen from Newark, who were in search of a man who had stolen a horse and carriage, similar to the one driven by Voorhees. The latter, however, convinced the men that he had made an error and that he was anything but a horse thief. They allowed him to depart.

Mocking Club.

The Mocking Club was organized last Saturday evening at the club house in Smith street, when the following officers were elected: President, Wilber Lind; vice-president, Wright Cook; secretary, Charles Fornoff; treasurer, Wm. Fornoff; financial secretary, Alfred Blaschke; sergeant-at-arms, F. Brucho; chaplain, Willis Smith. The club will meet Wednesday and Friday nights. The club will hold a clambake Saturday and October 30 a reception will be held.

Narrow Escape.

While horseback riding on Montgomery street Monday afternoon, Miss Julia G. Maxfield was thrown over her horse's head on the macadamized road, and sustained some slight bruises. The young woman was taken into the house of Charles R. Underwood and later to her home, where her injuries were dressed. She was accompanied on her ride by her sister, Miss Caroline Maxfield. It was said at the Maxfield home this morning that Miss Julia had fully recovered from the effects of her fall.

Preparing for Centennial.

Mrs. Sophia Ackerman will, on October 28th, celebrate her 100th birthday at the home of her son in East Passaic avenue, Brookdale. A reception will then be tendered to Mrs. Ackerman, who is the oldest inhabitant of this town. Her health is excellent and she takes a keen interest in all that is going on around her. Mrs. Ackerman has a number of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

San on "Flats."

The new rule of the East Orange Excise Board, which provides that no saloon or inn-keeper may sell liquor in quantities more than would be drunk on the premises, went into effect in that place Monday. In all the saloons that did not have a wholesale license a sign was posted to the effect that no more "pints" would be sold.

President Roeder will speak.

Rev. Adolph Roeder, president of the New Jersey State Civic Federation, will speak before the Office Department of the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge on Thursday, October 25, at 10 A. M., at the residence of Mrs. Melville Strong, Hillcrest road. Mr. Roeder will speak on "Lessons of Civic Life." All members of the club are cordially invited to be present.

Thomas McGowan, Frank Foster, Fred K. Gabe, Thomas Rawson, Jr., Daniel Schleich, all of whom are candidates on the Republican ticket, would like to meet as many of their friends as possible in Building and Loan Hall, No. 36 Broad street, Thursday evening, October 25th. Come out and greet the candidates.—Advt.

FIRST CHURCH GUILD.

An Elaborate Programme Arranged for the Coming Season—First Entertainment Tuesday Night—Concert by Royal Male Welsh Choir.

The First Presbyterian Church Guild has arranged for an elaborate programme of entertainments for the coming season under the direction of the programme committee, which is composed of Joseph M. Mann and Harris H. Uhler. There will be ten entertainments in all, but the arrangements for the last five have not been completed. The entertainments under the supervision of the First Church Guild for the past few years have always been of a high and pleasing character, and have been well patronized and much appreciated by the amusement-loving people of this town and vicinity. The first entertainment will be given on Tuesday evening, October 23, by the Royal Welsh Male Choir from Treorchy, South Wales, which comes highly recommended. Many attempts have hitherto been made to induce this choir to visit the United States, but it has thus far held aloof from all offers. It will now, however, make a tour of this country, and one of its first concerts will be given here. The choir will be composed of twenty men, and will be assisted by Miss Alicia Maud Cove, one of the leading soprano soloists of South Wales. The choir holds the world's record for prizes, and it has been the winner of four National Eisteddfodau. This concert alone, it is said, will be worth the price of a course ticket.

The second entertainment will be given on Monday evening, November 12, by Rev. Henry B. Rose of Newark, who will lecture on "The San Francisco Earthquake." This will be an illustrated lecture of the deepest interest. It will tell of the great disaster which smote the fair city by the Golden Gate. Those who attend this lecture will get some idea of the awful calamity which befell San Francisco. During the past summer Mr. Rose has been travelling in the West. He has covered over six thousand miles, lecturing at the great Chautauques, frequently to audiences of from four to seven thousand people. Mr. Rose is a popular and pleasing speaker, and his illustrated lectures last season in Newark, the Oranges, in this town, and in various other places in this vicinity, were always well attended, and elicited the highest commendation. His subject for this occasion will undoubtedly be one of his best efforts.

The third entertainment will be given on Monday evening, November 26, when William H. Sage will give some of his experiences in "Elk Hunting in the Rockies." Mr. Sage is a lawyer in New York city, who spends his vacations by turning his back on civilization and pushing his way into the wilderness with his Indian guides, where the foot of the white man seldom treads. When listening to Mr. Sage one can readily imagine that he is on the spot taking part in the exciting events which are being described. The fourth entertainment will be given on Monday evening, December 3, by Marshall Darroch in a Shakespearean recital. Mr. Darroch has been before a guild audience on several occasions, and has always pleased his auditors. This time he will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Mr. Darroch is wonderfully successful in the difficult task of making the dramas visible as well as audible to his audiences. This he does, not by tricks of costume and make-up, but by voice, facial expression, attitude, gait, gesture and emotion. He makes Shakespeare real to his audience.

The fifth entertainment will be given on Monday evening, January 14, by Rev. Dr. Charles L. Thompson, whose subject will be "Wives of Men of Genius." Dr. Thompson is one of the best known men of the Presbyterian Church, and is said to be an orator in every sense of the word, and the guild can congratulate itself on having secured him for one of the lectures.

The remaining entertainments will be announced as soon as the dates can be fixed. Two kinds of tickets are to be used by the guild, one for active members and one for associate members. Only members of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church are eligible to active membership, and the price of their tickets for the course will be one dollar each, and not transferable. The guild cheerfully extends the privileges of its course to any residents of this town and vicinity to become associate members. Their tickets for the course will be one dollar and fifty cents, and will be transferable. Howard B. Davis is president of the guild, and Frank M. Hinkle the treasurer.

Old Maids' Convention.

On Tuesday evening, October 30th, the Alpha Circle of King's Daughters of the First Presbyterian Church will present "The Old Maids' Convention," an entertainment in one scene, assisted by Miss Anna D. Cooper, reader. Admission will be fifty cents, and tickets may be procured at Geo. M. Wood's drug store.

Republican rally in Building and Loan Hall, Thursday night, October 25th. Republican candidates will be present. Good speakers will make addresses. Everybody welcome.—Advt.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Republican Rally in Building and Loan Hall Thursday Night, October 25th—All the County and Town Nominees Will Be Present—Senator Dryden Will Be Here at a Central Hall Meeting Before the Campaign Closes.

At a meeting of the Town Republican Executive Committee held Thursday night Chairman Charles F. Koerber announced that arrangements had been made for a Republican rally in Essex County Building and Loan Hall on Thursday evening, October 25th, at 8 o'clock. The speakers will be Lee Fairchild of New York City, who is said to be one of the best campaign orators now in the service of the party, and Edward Schoen, vice-president of the Newark Board of Education. All the Republican county and town nominees will be present.

Chairman Koerber also announced that arrangements were in progress for a Central Hall meeting before the campaign closed at which Senator Dryden and Congressman Parker would be present.

The Independent Citizens' party held a meeting in Orator hall, Newark, Wednesday night and placed in nomination a candidate for Mayor of Newark and eleven Assembly candidates. The candidate for Mayor chosen was George W. Tomkins. The Assembly candidates are Carl Mau and Fillmore O'Neil, Verona; Francis L. Christman, Montclair; Charles L. Ingersoll, South Orange; Charles B. Yardley, Jr., and Frank Benjamin, East Orange; Thomas F. Durning, Henry H. Dawson, Joseph S. Mundy, James B. Baulester and G. Rowland Monroe, Newark.

The Independent movement, it is alleged, grew out of widespread dissatisfaction with both of the regular party nominees for Mayor of Newark.

In the ordinary course of political events not much importance would be attached to this Independent movement, but in the present campaign the movement cannot help but be the cause of much concern among Republicans.

The names of the auxiliary members of the executive committee, selected by the county committee from each election district were read and the sub-committees announced. About sixteen hundred votes were polled in this town at the primary election on September 25th. The vote was divided as to political parties as follows: Republicans, 1,538 votes; Democrats, 63 votes.

There appears to be a feeling of depression in political circles, and unless there is a change in public sentiment before election day politicians say the vote will be a light one, and not much, if any, in excess of the primary vote. Whether there are many votes polled or not, one interesting feature of the election vote will be the change in the relative positions of the two political parties. On primary day the vote stood about 25 to 1, in favor of the Republicans.

On November 6th nearly every voter in town who voted on September 25th will go to the polls again, but it is safe to assert that there will be a large percentage of increase in the Democratic vote. Many Democrats are accused of voting in the Republican ballot boxes on primary day for the past two years and voting the regular Democratic ticket on election day.

Complaints about political apathy are not confined to this town alone. The political depression is felt throughout the county, and to such an extent that some Republicans are becoming apprehensive about the party's legislative ticket. There appears to be a disposition to concede the city of Newark to the Democrats in the mayoralty fight, and the Democratic candidate for mayor of Newark may pull the entire Democratic ticket through in this city.

The dissatisfied faction among Republicans in the Eighth Congressional District is another feature of the political contest that is causing Republicans much concern over the success of the legislative ticket. Here in Bloomfield the contest for the Town Clerkship is the chief attraction and may prove a factor in bringing out a larger vote than is anticipated.

James M. Trimble, the well-known lawyer, is the Democratic nominee for Mayor of Montclair.

Political party nominations must be filed to-day.

The annual meeting of the First Ward Republican Club was held last night.

The signs point to a light vote at the election in this county, and, probably, nowhere in the State. The belief formerly prevalent that a small vote meant indifference cannot be said to cover the case in this county at present. There were never more men actively concerned in political affairs than there are now in Essex county, yet some of those most deeply interested are declaring that they do not intend to vote.

Bloomfield is looked for a good majority for the Republican ticket on November 6. Come out to the Republican meeting in Building and Loan Hall, No. 36 Broad Street, Thursday night, October 25th, and show your interest in the campaign. There will be good speaking and the candidates will be present.—Advt.

Season's Record.

The Llewellyn A. C. closed the season Sunday, October 7, with the Parkways of Kearny, with a tie 2-2, game being called in the eighth inning on account of darkness. Following is the list of teams played and games won and lost: Llewellyn A. C. 8, Montclair Colored Giants 3, Newark River Works 3, Pastime A. C. 3, Wateessing F. C. 2, Tot A. C. 2, Original All Stars 2, Jersey Field Club 2, Millburn A. C. 2, Virginia Giants 0, Broad A. C. 0, Orange Outing 10, Alert A. C. 1, Newark River Works 1, Jersey Field Club 1, Eureka A. C. 2, All Wateessings 2 12 Inn, Original All Stars 2, Niantic-Avons 2, Summit A. C. 2, Woodside A. C. 1, 7 All Wateessings, 2 Original All Stars, 1 Alert A. C., 1 Highland A. C., 1 Blundell E. B. C., 1 W. A. A. C., 10 Hilton A. A., 4 Woodstocks, 2 Newark Colored Stars, 2 Parkways.

The team scored some notable victories, defeating such nines as the Broad, Alert A. A. of Madison twice, Jersey F. C. of Boonton, champions of the North Jersey League; Eureka, Original All Stars twice, Niantic-Avons, Woodside, Hilton, Woodstocks and All Wateessings twice. One of the games with the latter team went twelve innings.

Pitcher Grobe was the mainstay in box, losing only four of the twenty games he pitched. Duskie won one game, and Havens who left the team early in the season, won four games and lost three.

The management is laying plans for a stronger team next season and arrangements are being made for a reception which will be held at Central Hall on Friday evening, October 26.

Johnson-Smith.

The wedding of Miss Mary Smith of this town and Roswell Johnson took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Frank Day, in Sussex avenue, Newark. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Albert Erdman of the Second Presbyterian Church, Morristown, who married the groom's parents thirty-six years ago. Samuel Smith of Morristown was best man, and Mrs. William A. Young was matron of honor. Edwin M. Smith was the usher.

The bridal party was beautifully decorated with palms, cut flowers and autumn foliage. The Lohengrin wedding march by the orchestra announced the approach of the bridal procession. The groom and his best man met the bride party in the east alcove. The bride wore a beautiful costume of white mauve chiffon trimmed with duchesse lace. Her long white tulle veil was caught up with a brooch, the gift of the groom, and she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The matron of honor wore a costume of chiffon with lace.

After a reception at which the happy couple received the congratulations and best wishes of many friends they started on an extensive wedding tour and upon their return will reside here.

Job Haines Home.

The elevator fund of the Job Haines Home for the Aged is still in process of growth and a dormitory fund has been started. To aid the managers of the home in these two worthy enterprises a benefit entertainment has been arranged for October 28th at the Peddie Memorial Church in Newark. The principal feature of the evening will be an illustrated travel lecture by Lieutenant Edward O'Flaherty, regular and volunteer soldier, who has seen much service in Cuba and the Philippines. The subject of the lecture will be "Across Canada to the Philippines," and will be profusely illustrated by both colored slides and appropriate moving pictures. A large attendance is expected. A mistaken impression seems to prevail that the home is almost, if not quite, self-supporting, and is largely endorsed. The fact is that the institution relies for its current expenses on the ceaseless efforts of its managers, and free-will offerings are its dependence. The home provides shelter for the absolutely needy, not for those who have friends or kindred.

The Schubert Oratorio Society.

The plans for the enlargement of the chorus of the Schubert Oratorio Society have made it necessary for the executive committee to find a new place of meeting for rehearsals, and President William Bittles makes the announcement that the chapel of the Peddie Memorial Baptist Church, corner of Broad and Fulton streets, Newark, has been engaged for the season.

Prohibition Rally.

A Prohibition meeting and rally will be held in W. C. T. U. hall, Prospect street, near Dodd street, East Orange, on Friday, October 25th, at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Charles E. Scudder of Belleville will address the meeting. Prohibition party Congressmen and Assembly candidates will be present and speak.

A cordial invitation is extended to the voters of this town to attend the Republican meeting in Building and Loan Hall, Thursday evening, October 25th. This meeting will give the voters an opportunity to meet the Republican candidates and to hear some good campaign speeches.—Advt.

TOWN COUNCIL.

REQUEST FOR A BOND ISSUE TO PURCHASE PUBLIC PLAYGROUND.

Williamson Field the Location and \$10,000 the Price—Charles H. Ashley Presents Myrtle Avenue Claims for Improvements—Water Main and Sewer Petitions.

A Board of Trade committee, consisting of Hugh D. King, Joseph M. Mann and George Morris, appeared before the Town Council Monday night and advocated the purchase of the property known as Williamson Field for public playground purposes. The property in question is where the public Fourth of July festivities have been held for two years past, and its admirable adaptation for such purposes has created considerable sentiment in favor of its purchase by the town.

The committee requested that the Council take prompt action on the petition, owing to the limited options secured on the land. The proposition, it is said, would require a bond issue of \$10,000.

Mayor Fisher said that if the land will cost \$10,000 it would require considerable more money to carry out the scheme of putting it in shape for a playground, and the annual cost of maintenance was to be considered.

Mr. Mann said that the \$10,000 named included the necessary improvements to the grounds, and also added that there would be no trouble in getting private citizens to purchase the land and convert it into playgrounds for the use of the public. "But the objection to that," Mr. Mann said, "was that the land might become so valuable in the future that the owners might be induced to cut it up into building lots. If the town should purchase it it would be a playground forever."

Mr. King said that the Board of Trade committee had options on most of the land. The first option would expire November 15th, while another option was good for any reasonable length of time.

Town Attorney Halpenny said that according to a supplement to the act for the government of towns, the Council could issue bonds for the purchase of lands for parks, playgrounds and open spaces, and that there was no limit to the amount of bonds that could be issued for that purpose. The maintenance of the grounds, however, said Mr. Halpenny, must be provided for in the general tax levy. The Council could look after the care of the grounds itself, or could appoint a commission to do so.

Councilman Green said that he favored the scheme, but before voting on it he thought it would be wise to have a public meeting and hear what the citizens in general thought of the matter.

After considerable discussion Mr. Green moved that Central Hall be engaged for a public meeting, to be held Monday evening, October 29th, to hear what the citizens had to say on the matter.

On motion of Councilman Davis the legal committee was instructed to look up the legality of the scheme, so that a report could be presented to the meeting.

Charles A. Ashley of Herbert street, who since he became a resident of the Second ward has been very active in efforts to force the development of the section of the town in which he resides, was again before the Council Monday night with a request for electric lights in Myrtle avenue. Mr. Ashley said that the Myrtle avenue extension had been completed some time ago at a cost of over \$6,000 to the property owners, but that 1,600 feet of the street was without light. He asked that electric light be placed there so that the residents of the street could walk to their homes after dark without danger of losing their way. The members of the Council were inclined to treat the matter lightly, and said the lighting appropriation was used up for this year, and that nothing could be done until next year.

Mr. Ashley got rather excited and said: "We were promised lights in the street long ago, but we have not got them."

The mayor and clerk were authorized to execute a demand note for \$15,000 in anticipation of taxes, the proceeds to be used for general town purposes. The park committee was authorized to purchase a leaf sweeper to cost not more than \$20. Water mains were ordered extended in Olive, Elm and Race streets. Property owners on Willet street petitioned for a sewer in that street from Montgomery street to Belleville avenue. The matter was referred to the sewer committee, who were also requested to apply to the Belleville Township Committee for a permit to dig up a portion of the street which is in Belleville Township in order to lay the sewer.

Lee Fairchild of New York City, who is to speak at the Republican meeting in Building and Loan Hall, No. 36 Broad street on Thursday night, the 25th inst., is one of the best campaign orators in the country, and it will be a treat to hear him. Come out and enjoy the meeting.—Advt.